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Dear Legislators,

I am a high school senior at Vicksburg High School in Vicksburg, MI. I am writing this letter because I am not in support of House Bill 4552. In my building there are two counselors for approximately 760 students. My counselors are already very good at providing us with college and career information. They meet with us every year to go over our educational and post high school plans. My counselor has helped me throughout my four years of high school to select courses that will help me in my field of interest which is health care. I am currently enrolled in a Pre Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program for the fall of 2015 at a four year college. Our counselors also made sure that we knew how to fill out our FAFSA forms and they even had a parent night to help our parents learn more about how to do that.

Our counselors need more time to be able to do all of the other tasks too such as being able to meet with us when we have personal problems. In my mind, this bill is not really addressing the real problem which is that there aren't enough counselors for all of the students. I don't see the point of making school counselors take more classes on something that they already know how to do. We just need more counselors to meet all of the needs of all of the students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalie Glaes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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